

REMARKS

Claims 1-29 are pending in the present application. By this reply, claims 24-29 have been added. Claims 1, 9, and 17 are independent.

The specification and claims have been amended to clarify the invention and to correct informalities according to U.S. practice. For instance, the status of the related applications on page 1 of the specification has been updated. These modifications do not add new matter.

Priority

The Examiner acknowledges Applicants' claim for foreign priority, but notes that Applicants have not filed the certified copy of the foreign priority documents as required. In response, Applicants respectfully submit that the filing of the certified copy of the foreign priority documents is not needed since the present application is a continuation application and the certified copies of the foreign priority documents have already been filed in the parent application. However, to expedite prosecution, attached hereto are the certified copy of the foreign priority documents Korean Patent Application Nos. 1999-0004467 and 2000-0000715. Accordingly, the Examiner's acknowledgement of the receipt of the certified copies of the foreign priority documents is respectfully requested.

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The Examiner considered all U.S. patents cited in the PTO Form 1449 filed in the IDS on January 30, 2004, but has not considered a reference (Der MPEG-2-Standard, October 1994) because a legible copy of this document is not provided. Applicants respectfully submit that this document was cited and considered by the Examiner in the parent application and thus there is no need to supply a copy for the Examiner's consideration. However, to expedite prosecution only, a copy of the reference and the associated English summary are provided with a copy of the PTO Form 1449 filed January 30, 2004. The Examiner's consideration of this document is thus deemed proper and is respectfully requested.

35 U.S.C. 102(a) Rejection

Claims 1-23 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by Applicants' disclosed related art.¹ Applicants' disclosed related art as shown in Figures 6A and 6B provides that the time stamp in Figure 6B does not include an extension part. In clear contrast, Applicants' invention requires, *inter alia*, "the format of each time information includes a base part and an extension part" as recited in independent claims 1, 9, and 17. This feature is clearly absent from Applicants' disclosed related art as shown in Figure 6B. Therefore, independent claims 1, 9, and 17 and their dependent claims (due to their dependency) are patentable. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection based on these reasons are respectfully requested.

New Claims

Claims 24-29 depend from independent claims 1, 9, and 17 and are thus patentable for at least the same reasons that their base claims are patentable.

Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons and in view of the above clarifying amendments, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw all of the objections and rejections of record, and to provide an early issuance of a Notice of Allowance.

Should there be any outstanding matters which need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Esther H. Chong (Registration No. 40,953) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

¹ Applicants have made no admission that Applicants' disclosed related art qualifies as a statutory prior art. However, for the sake of the argument, Applicants will address the Examiner's rejection.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and further replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Attachments: (1) Certified Copy of Korean Application
Nos. 1999-0004467 and 2000-0000715
(2) Copy of PTO Form 1449 filed January 30, 2004
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